Claims:

A process to polymerize olefins comprising contacting olefins with a catalyst system comprising an activator and a catalyst precursor represented by the formula:

 $^{C}pD^{a}(JY)(Q)_{(a-2)},$

wherein:

Cp is a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkadienyl group or related cycloalkadienyl cogener,

each Q is independently an anionic leaving group,

J is a group 15, 16 or 17 atom;

a is the oxidation state of D,

D is a group 4, 5 of 6 metal, provided however that when Cp is a mono-cyclic cyclopentadieny/group M is not titanium, and

Y is a heteroatom, a substituted heteroatom or a C₁ to C₁₀₀ hydrocarbyl group which may optionally contain one or more heteroatoms.

- The process of claim 1 wherein Cp is a cyclopentadienyl group. 2.
- The process of claim 1 wherein Cp is an indenyl or fluorenyl group. 3.
- The process of dayin therein Cp is substituted. 4.

The process of claim 3 wherein the indene or fluorene is substituted.

Sulo la Si The process of claim 1 wherein D is a group four metal.

- The process of claim 1 wherein D is zirconium or hafnium. 7.
- The process of claim 2 wherein D is zirconium. 8.



- 9. The process of claim 1 wherein Y is a substituted or unsubstituted group 13-17 heteroatom or a C_1 to C_{40} alkyl, alknyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group.
- 10. The process of claim 1 wherein Y is an alkyl group, a perfluoroalkyl group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group.
- 11. The process of claim 1 wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, methylcyclohexyl, methylcyclopentyl, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, aminomethyl, aminoethyl, perfluoropropyl, and perfluorobutyl, cyclopentyl, cychexyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl, phenyl, methyl phenyl, di methyl phenyl, di n-butylphenyl, di-t-butylphenyl, mesityl, 4-trimethylsilyl, fluorophenyl, perfluorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, dimethylaminophenyl, naphthyl, and anthracenyl.
- 12. The process of claim 1 wherein is nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, phosphorus, chlorine, fluorine or bromine,
- 13. The process of claim 1 wherein J is oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur.
- 14. The process of claim 1 wherein J is oxygen.
- 15. The process of claim 1 wherein Cp is an indenyl group, J is oxygen and Y is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.
- 16. The process occurs in the gas phase.
- 17. The process of claim 1 wherein the process occurs in the slurry phase.
- 18. A composition comprising an activator and a catalyst precursor represented by the formula:

CpQa(JY) (Q)_(a-2):

wherein:

Cp is a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkadienyl group or related cycloalkadienyl cogener,

each Q is independently an anionic leaving group,

J is a group 15, 16 or 17 atom;

a is the oxidation state of D,

D is a group 4, 5 or 6 metal, provided however that when Cp is a mono-cyclic cyclopentadienyl group M is not titanium, and

Y is a heteroatom, a substituted heteroatom or a C_1 to C_{100} hydrocarbyl group which may optionally contain one or more heteroatoms.

- 19. The composition of claim 18 wherein Cp is a cyclopentadienyl group.
- 20. The composition of claim 18 wherein Cp is an indenyl or fluorenyl group.
- 21. The composition of claim 18 wherein Cp is substituted.

The composition of claim 20 wherein the indene or fluorene is substituted.

23. The composition of claim 18 wherein D is a group four metal.

- 24. The composition of claim 18 wherein D is zirconium or hafnium.
- 25. The composition of claim 19 wherein D is zirconium.

The composition of claim 18 wherein Y is a substituted or unsubstituted group 13-17 heteroatom or a C_1 to C_{40} alkyl, alknyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group.

27. The composition of claim 19 wherein Y is an alkyl group, a perfluoroalkyl group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group.

- 28. The composition of claim 19 wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, methylcyclohexyl, methylcyclopentyl, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, aminomethyl, aminoethyl, perfluoropropyl, and perfluorobutyl, cyclopentyl, cychexyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl, phenyl, methyl phenyl, di methyl phenyl, di n-butylphenyl, di-t-butylphenyl, mesityl, 4-trimethylsilyl, fluorophenyl, perfluorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, dimethylaminophenyl, naphthyl, and anthracenyl.
- 29. The composition of claim/18 wherein J is nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, phosphorus, chlorine, fluorine of bromine,
- 30. The composition of claim 8 wherein J is oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur.
- 31. The composition of claim 18 wherein J is oxygen.
- 32. The composition of claim 18 wherein Cp is an indenyl group, J is oxygen and Y is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.